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ALBERT S. WACHSMAN

BUDGET DELIBERATIONS THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006

Members Present: R. Pagani-Chairman, R. Cleary, R. Clements, M. Joyse, B. Pinto, A. Wachsman

Others Present: N. DiCorleto-Fin Officer, R. Packman-Supt of Schools, D. Roberson-Chmn BOE, P. Michaud-DPW Dir, A. Lawrence-Fire Marshal, A. Littizzio-Dir Bus Svs, M. Varney-EVFD Chief, J. Turner, P. Hany-EVAC Pres., Residents and Press

Chairman Robert Pagani opened the deliberations at 7:40 pm.

The first item to be taken care of is an appropriation for the Center Fire Dept to replace the flooring where the asbestos tiles were removed.

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$13,000 FROM FY 2005-06 UNDESIGNATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO THE CENTER FIRE DEPT BUDGET TO COVER THE COST TO REPAIR THE FLOORING WHICH SUSTAINED DAMAGE DURING THE ASBESTOS REMOVAL.

The Chairman stated that a reduction needed to be made to the Center Fire Dept. 06/07 budget for the amount for medical supplies to be purchased by the Ambulance Corps.

MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REDUCE ACCOUNT 310 FOR FY 2006/07 BY \$3,000.

Mr. Pagani then told the Board that Mr. Michaud had gotten updated figures for the equipment that is to be leased and updated interest rate information. It turns out that the dump trucks have increased to approximately \$116,000 each, the sweeper price is the same, and the roadside mower price is \$109,515. Mr. Michaud asked that the Board of Finance approve the purchase of these items tonight so that he can take it to the Board of Selectmen Monday night to ask that it be put on the town meeting agenda for May 9, 2006.

If the town does not purchase these vehicles by July 1, the prices go up another \$7,000 due to new emissions requirements, and Chief Varney has heard a figure of \$20,000 for the change in emissions equipment for the Fire Truck. It is in the town's best interest to move now. Mr. Pagani agreed that all the equipment including the Fire Truck should be leased together as a package to get the best interest rate.

MOTION (JOYSE) SECONDED (CLEMENTS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR LEASE AT 4.76% FOR 4 DPW DUMP TRUCKS FOR \$468,556, DPW ROAD SWEEPER FOR \$180,000, DPW ROADSIDE MOWER FOR \$109,515 AND EVFD TANKER FOR \$375,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,134,857 SUBJECT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

Capital Non Recurring Fund – Mr. Pagani spoke to Mr. Varney and they asked that \$18,000 be put into this fund for FY 2006/07 to replace the fireproofing in the hose tower.

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (CLEMENTS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD IN \$18,000 "HOSE TOWER REBUILD" TO 06/07 CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND.

There was clarification of the prices for the computers as discussed on Tuesday night. \$249,118 is the price for 300 desktops and \$80,400 for 75 laptops.

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (CLEMENTS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO FUND THE BOE STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FUND FOR FY 06/07 CAPITAL NON RECURRING FUND IN THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF \$330,000 WHICH INCLUDES \$80,400 FOR 75 LAPTOPS.

Board of Education Budget

Mr. Pagani told the Board that CIRMA has recommended that the Town insure the schools for replacement value. This will add \$21,833 to the town's property insurance premiums.

Mr. Roberson stated that it is important to move the education system forward and asked for the least amount of reductions as last year's were devastating to the system. He stated that education is a service system, driven by labor. He stated the Board of Education's commitment to get the parents out to vote.

Dr. Packman stated that there were rumors that 7% would get the Board of Education back on a level track. He stated that a 7% increase would not rectify the class size problem and the effects of the last year's deep reductions.

Bruce Fader stated his support for the school budget. He felt that there was an erosion of resources and that it has reached a critical point. He felt that the electronic education was a good thing but not a fix to the problem.

Joseph Wehr stated that he supports education but not a 10.2% increase. He stated that the average increase for the BOE has been 5.61% over the last 9 years. He felt that better financial management by the Board of Education should be practiced. He also was not happy with the increase in the health insurance.

Mr. Willette stated that he did not feel that the Board of Education was asking for too much and that the staffing needs were important. He felt that the Board of Finance is going to show courage this year when it comes to the BOE budget.

Mrs. Sirag stated that she supports the education system.

Mrs. Carlotta asked that the Board of Finance give the parents a chance to get this budget approved.

Mr. Littizzio stated that the health insurance increase is still being negotiated and that part of the increase is for new staff. This is offset by contributions by the employees. He stated that they are looking into purchasing consortiums, the school system owns their own special education vans which costs less than contracting them out, and that they have licensed contractors on their maintenance staff.

Mr. Clements stated that he appreciated the sentiment of the parents but that no one came out to support the general government budget. The reality is that there is only so much money to go around and that State cut backs have hurt the Town. He did not like to see this become an emotional issue. If the town had all the money it needed, the Board of Finance would surely fund the Board of Education needs.

The Chairman called a recess at 9 pm.

The Chairman reconvened the deliberations at 9:55 pm.

MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REDUCE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/07 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$580,000.

The entire Board of Finance members agreed that this budget needs the support from the Town's people for it to be approved. Mr. Joyse pointed out that last year the budget was defeated at this level.

MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOGNIZE INCREASED REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,161 FOR FY 2006/07 CONSISTING OF ENERGY ASSISTANCE \$151,137, STATE PROPERTY FOREST \$323, PEQUOT FUNDS (\$4,520) AND TOWN AID ROAD \$38,221.

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (CLEMENTS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS/(ADDITIONS) TO THE FY 2006/07 BUDGET TOTALING \$2,860,100 INCLUDING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REDUCTION PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. ACCOUNT 132 TAX COLLECTOR \$30,000, ACCOUNT 265 FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD (\$10,000), ACCOUNT 310 CENTER FIRE DEPT. \$3,000, ACCOUNT 320 CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE DEPT \$2,500, ACCOUNT 360 BUILDING DEPT HOUSE NUMBERS \$7,500, ACCOUNT 550 CULTURAL ARTS (\$7,000), ACCOUNT 585 CRYSTAL LAKE WATER MONITOR-MILFOIL (\$1,700) AND CAPITAL NON- RECURRING FUND \$2,255,800.

Approval of Fiscal Year Budget 2006-07

MOVED (CLEARY) SECONDED (CLEMENTS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE SUM OF MONEY RECOMMENDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 IS \$40,452,167. ALL EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANTS (ECS) ARE DEEMED TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 9,824,492
REDEMPTION OF DEBT	3,088,764
CONTINGENCY FUND	150,000
BOARD OF EDUCATION	25,938,265
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND	<u>1,450,646</u>
	\$ 40,452,167

MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED TO RECOMMEND TO A TOWN MEETING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,450,646 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 FOR THE CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND, SAID APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

UNIMPROVED ROAD IMPROVEMENT	80,000
LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	101,431
ROAD OVERLAY	300,000
WINDERMERE RD/PINNEY ST ROUNDABOUT	60,000
WINDERMERE BRIDGE ENGINEERING	45,000
TOWNWIDE SIDEWALKS	60,000
DPW-SMALL DUMP TRUCK REPLACEMENT (1)	40,000
RECR-PUBLIC PARK UPGRADES	23,000
BROOKSIDE PARK-FENCING	29,400
POLICE CRUISERS	31,215
EVAC-TRAINING/EMERG RESPONSE VEHICLE	50,000
EVAC-DEFIBRILLATORS/CPR EQUIPMENT	11,000
EVAC-LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR AMBULANCE	22,000
ELFD-HOSE EQUIPMENT UPGRADE REPLACEMENT	10,000
ELFD-HOSE TOWN REBUILT	18,000
BOE-REPLACEMENT VANS SPECIAL ED (2)	50,000
BOE-WIND SOFFIT REPAIR/PAINTING	30,000
BOE-STUDENT TECHNOLOGY UPDATE PROGRAM	330,000
BOE-EHS VIDEO PRODUCTION LAB	53,000
BOE-EHS FENCING BACK PARKING LOT	27,600
BOE-EHS DUAL OIL BURNERS	40,000
BOE-EHS TRACK RESTORATION	39,000
	<u>\$1,450,646</u>
LESS FEDERAL/STATE/TRUST FUNDS	
STATE GRANT-LOCIP	101,431
STATE GRANT-OPM SUPPLMT ED NEEDS	25,000
AMBULANCE FEE PROGRAM	83,000
NET COST TO TOWN	<u>\$1,241,215</u>

Board of Education Grants

MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED TO ACCEPT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION GRANTS AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THEIR MARCH 30, 2006 MEETING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$612,900. (SEE ATTACHED SHEET).

The chairman adjourned the deliberations at 10:15 pm.

Submitted by Lori Smith Lori Smith, Clerk



Ellington Public Schools

"Where Children Come First"

Richard E. Packman, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

March 30, 2006

Nancy E. Daley
Administrative Assistant

Bruce E. Brettschneider
Director of Special Services

Peter H. Martin, Ph.D.
Director of Educational Services

Anthony P. Littizio
Director of Business Services

Mr. Michael Stupinski
First Selectman
Town of Ellington
55 Main Street
Ellington, CT 06029

Dear Mr. Stupinski:

The Board of Education, at a special meeting on March 27, 2006, unanimously approved the following motion:

"To recommend to the Annual Town Budget Meeting acceptance of prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum estimated at \$612,900 of which the individual grants are estimated to be as follows:

2006-2007

<u>GRANT</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>
Title I - Part A: Improving Basic Programs Funds are targeted for low achieving children with grant entitlements based on family income indicators.	\$ 110,000
Title II: Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Supports math and science professional development, and class size reduction.	\$ 55,000
Title II: Part D: Enhancing Education Through Technology	\$ 2,000
Title IV: Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Funds are targeted for drug and alcohol abuse prevention and education.	\$ 7,000

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Title V: Innovative Education Program Strategies Educational Consolidation and Improvement Act Supports innovative and effective educational practices.	\$ 6,500
IDEA - Part B: Section 611 Special Education Entitlement Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children.	\$ 333,500
IDEA - Part B: Section 619 A Preschool Entitlement Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children ages three to five.	\$ 11,900
State Grant – Technology Infrastructure Grant	\$ 37,000
Other federal and state prepaid grants which might be applied for."	\$ 50,000
TOTAL	\$ 612,900

Sincerely,



Richard E. Packman
Superintendent of Schools

REP:ned

cc: \ Nicholas DiCorleto